reported that there were about 1071 unautorised colonies in existence in Delhi as on 31.3.1993. The Union Government has already agreed, in principle, for regularisation of those unauthorised colonies which have come up in Delhi upto 31.3.1993 and which conforms to the guidelines formulated for the purpose.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to (c) above.

Depletion of water bodies in NCT of Delhi

1984. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that water reservoirs in the National Capital Territory of Delhi has been depleting almost every year rapidly;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years; and

(C)the steps Government have taken to arrest the depletion in the water level during that period and with what result?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Conversion of properties from leasehold to Freehold

1985. SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA had opened a conversion scheme with revised rates for making residential properties from leasehold to freehold in March/April, 2002;

(b) if so, whether people owning plot/homes/flats in areas under the L and DO have been deprived of this right;

(c) if so, whether the L and DO have failed to come up with conversion scheme with latest revised rates;

(d) the time frame for declaration of the scheme for conversion of properties in areas falling under L and DO; and

(e) the reasons why it has not been done so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (e) The scheme for conversion of leasehold system of land tenure in respect of residential properties freehold was introduced by the Government in the year 1992. The scheme is modified from time to time and as per the last modification announcec on 28.&.1999, the conversion was allowed for a limited 31.3.2000) on the land rates of 1987. Thereafter, tri allowed both by Delhi Development Authority (Development Office (L and DO) on the basis of the pre, which are provisional subject to furnishing of an undertaking by th applicants (in addition to the normal documents) to the effect that the would pay the difference in the conversion charges, if any based on th finally approved land rates.

Tax on the properties on Central Government

1986. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVER" ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee was formed to consider the demand? levying tax on the properties of Central Government;

(b) if so, when was the Committee formed and the terms of referer and

(c) whether Government agreed in principle to allow the local boi to impose property taxes on properties of Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URl DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI R RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) A Working Group was constitute